



# LARC



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ACADIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOC., INC. - a 501(c)3 Corporation December 2018

## AARA General Meeting ~ November 1, 2018

**General** Club President Chris Ancelet N5MCY opened at 7:00 PM and conducted the meeting. Club Treasurer Tom Dischler W5OHJ led the group in the opening prayer. Chris led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF recited the pledge in Cajun French.

Chris reminded the group that governmental elections will be held the following week. Members were encouraged to view their sample ballots at [GEAUXVOTE.COM](http://GEAUXVOTE.COM) and exercise their right to vote in the elections.

Several new visitors were in attendance at the meeting. Club members introduced themselves to the visitors and welcomed them to the meeting.

Galen Wilson KF5BET reported that tonight's VE testing session resulted in 1 upgrade to a General class license and 1 new Technician licensee.

Chris reminded the group that the minutes of last month's General Meeting were published in the LARC. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Webre AF5VR, seconded by Sandy and approved by the group.

Tom reminded the group that the 2019 membership renewal process would start next month and membership applications are due in by the March meeting. In order to vote in next year's officer election members must be in good standing (i.e. paid up by March). An updated membership application will be made available soon. Tom also presented his Treasurer's Report to the group. A motion to accept his report was made by Joseph Meaux K2JDM and seconded by Ramona Jobe KJ5HNO.

**Club Activities** The Cajun Cup race event will be held November 10th. However, the club has not received any requests for assistance with the event. Therefore no participation by the club is planned.

The Veterans Day Special Event Station remains scheduled for November 10th. It will be held at the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jennings, LA. The clubs communications and antenna trailers will be deployed for the event and several members will be deploying their own stations. All club members were encouraged to attend the event and interact with the facility residents as much as possible.

**Tour de Teche** Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF provided the group with a report on the clubs participation in this year's race. Multiple club members provided communications between the various race check points and the command center during the three day event. Competitors from across the country and several foreign countries participated in the race. Sandy thanked all that assisted in the event. In response, Tom thanked Sandy and her husband Larry KEF5KJD for coordinating the club's participation.

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## December AARA Christmas Party

The December AARA Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Golden Corral in the Private Room on Ambassador Caffery.

This will be "**Dutch Treat**".

This is a Fellowship meeting. - No business.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER****AARA CHRISMAS PARTY**

December 6, 2018 @ 6:00 PM  
Golden Corral

3110 Ambassador Caffery  
Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>  
Local 2-Meter Nets

**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Wednesday**

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM  
145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

**Thursday**

Youth Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA  
EchoLink Node: 370324

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**Fund Raisers** Chris led a discussion regarding additional fund raisers to supplement the revenue generated by the hamfest. The concept of hosting a skeet shoot was considered but deemed too large scale of an event for the AARA to pursue. Several other types of fund raising events discussed but nothing was identified for additional consideration. Everyone was encouraged to continue thinking about events for the club to consider.

**Hamfest Update** Brandon Stelly KG5LQM gave the club an update on preparations for next year's hamfest. His attempts to contact the Rayne city administration to discuss the facility rental fees have gone unanswered. The concept of having the city co-sponsor the event was discussed. Using the Acadia Rice Arena in Crowley was also discussed.

**Repeater Participation** Chris commended the group on their efforts to increase activity on the W5DDL repeater and urged them to continue with those efforts.

**Christmas Party** The clubs annual Christmas party will be held at 6:00 PM on December 6th at the Golden Corral in lieu of the December general meeting. Larry Leblanc will contact the restaurant and make the necessary reservations. The club will raffle off two HT radios and two gift cards at the event. Each member is responsible for paying for their meals.

**Monday Net NCS** Chris solicited additional volunteers to serve as net control for the club's Monday Night Net. Barrett Oge KG5SSO volunteered to serve as an additional net control.

**Club Elections** The club's officer nominating committee was selected. Steve Webre and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP will serve as representatives from the board while Galen Wilson and Brandon Stelly will serve as representatives from the general membership. Galen was appointed chairman of the committee which will develop a list of proposed candidates. That list will be presented to the membership at the January general meeting and published in the February LARC. At the February general meeting, additional nominations from the floor will be accepted and all nominations will be voted on. New officers will take office at the April general meeting.

**Business Cards** Chris presented his first batch of club business cards to the membership. Members were encouraged to use them to promote club and amateur radio activities in general.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM with 28 in attendance.

**Don't forget there is no meeting for December 6, 2018.**

**The December 2018 Christmas Party will be held at the Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery at 6:00 PM.**

## November 2018



### VE TEST SESSION

#### Test Session Results 1 November 2018

The night was good in as much as we did wind up with a new Tech, Lyle P. Guidry – KI5CEE of Iota.

**Congratulations & welcome to the Amateur Radio community.**

The VEs participating this evening were: Greg ~K5LFT, John ~W4HVH, Galen ~KF5BET & Glenn ~KD5NVC.

Thanks to all & hope to see you in January 2019, the next regularly scheduled test session.



73, de Greg ~ K5LFT



#### How to Send E-mail to a Disaster Area via WINLINK

There's a common misconception that one has to have complicated equipment, software and skills to leverage the ham radio-developed WINLINK system to reach into disaster areas. In fact, one of the major advantages of the system is that it can easily connect disaster area-located volunteers (who must use radio to make any connection) with anyone else in the state, nation or world. It provides an easy way for "back-home" supporters, family and friends to keep in touch with deployed volunteers.

First you have to know the correct email Winlink address of the disaster-located ham: it is simply their callsign (e.g., K4AAA) @winlink.org thus K4AAA@winlink.org

Second, because WINLINK was built to handle slow-speed radio connections, receiving a load of spam would be catastrophic for throughput over a slow modem protocol. To avoid this, WINLINK developers put in a "white list" -- a list for each WINLINK email user of who is allowed to send them email. While the WINLINK user can simply add you to their email-okay list, there's an even simpler way for support amateurs to bypass this, which will not be known by spammers -- just put //WL2K at the beginning of your subject line. For example, like this: //WL2K What is your current Status?

With those two critical components of the Winlink email message format, anyone with normal email can make needed communications to a deployed volunteer who is participating in the WINLINK system. One caveat: WINLINK can't "force" email onto a volunteer who doesn't have their radio turned on, or isn't connecting into a Winlink server station, so it depends on periodic check-ins by the participant to check for, receive and send email by radio.

Approximately 50,000 messages per month are transacted by this system, so it is in regular substantial usage. WINLINK email-users can also add entire domains to their "white list" (e.g., arrl.org, arrl.net, em.myflorida.com and state.fl.us ) -- which might be a useful thing to do for those who are going to be deployed and will be in contact with officials or managers.

Click here for additional information: -- -- Gordon Gibby, KX4Z, North Florida Amateur Radio Club

Reprinted from "The ARES E-Letter for November 21, 2018".

A message from our AARA President Chris Ancelet N5MCY: [2018 - 243rd USMC Birthday Salute](#)

There aren't many places around the world where men and women, whom we have never met, choose to fight with their lives, to grant each one of us the rights that not everyone else has. There aren't many of those places where these same men and women ask for nothing in return. There is no institution in this world that commands such unwavering respect as our United States Military.

This is why it was such an honor for the members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association to partake in the 1st annual Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home Special Event on November 10, 2018. Our event kicked off on a chilly Saturday morning at my residence in Egan, where Tom Dischler (W5OHJ) and I loaded out AMOS II and the antenna trailer. Tom and I made the short drive to Jennings and immediately began setting up. We were met shortly thereafter by the following club members:

- Barrett Oge (KG5SSO)
- Steve Webre (AF5VR)
- Danny and Kathy Daigle (KD5JSM & KD5TJZ)
- David Forrest (KG5SBA) from the neighboring Lake Charles Club
- Glen Thibodeaux (KF5FNP)

Once we were set up, we had a brief meeting with the staff and we were concerned that the cooler weather would hamper our outcome. We made arrangements inside of AMOS II to accommodate anyone, even wheelchair bound, inside of the communications trailer. This would get our veterans out of the wind where they could sit and enjoy the event.

We quickly began making contacts on 20m as band conditions, overall, were not too bad. We were able to log over 120 contacts and had a great time on the radio. As contacts were made, I couldn't help but notice that the veterans began to pick up on some of the distances that we were making contacts to and were amazed that we were even talking to folks as far as Canada. You could see the excitement in their faces and some of them began to recollect some of the radio equipment that they personally used in the Korean and Vietnam war. It was great to be able to listen to their stories and share in this experience.

Another great take away from today was the number of stations that commended us on hosting this event. Many of them mentioned that they too had a War Veterans' home in their state and they were going to look into hosting events just like this in the future. I am hopeful that this special event will gain national notoriety and we have more amateur radio clubs from around the United States participate in this event.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff of the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home for allowing us to share in the many events of this weekend. For me, I would have been perfectly content with only making one contact for the entire event. Just the time spent listening to the stories from these wonderful elders was satisfaction enough and very humbling to say the least. We look forward to sponsoring another event here in the future and hope that you will join us in recognizing such a great group of American Patriots. We owe our Veterans a debt we can never fully repay.

Sincerely,  
Chris Ancelet (N5MCY)

Photos by David Forrest KG5SBA from Lake Charles





## SKYWARN Recognition Day 2018 is Saturday, December 1 UTC



SKYWARN™ Recognition Day ([SRD](#)) 2018 takes place on Saturday, December 1, from 0000 until 2400 UTC. Developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service (NWS) and ARRL, SRD celebrates the contributions that SKYWARN volunteers make to the NWS mission, the protection of life and property. During SKYWARN™ Recognition Day, special event stations will be on the air from NWS offices, contacting radio amateurs around the world.

"Amateur Radio operators comprise a large percentage of the SKYWARN™ volunteers across the country," the NWS announcement said. "Amateur Radio operators also provide vital communication between the NWS and emergency management, if normal communications become inoperative."

The object of SRD is for all amateur stations to exchange contact information with as many National Weather Service stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meters, plus 70 centimeters. Contacts via repeaters are permitted. Stations should exchange call sign, signal report, and location plus a quick description of the weather at your location (e.g., sunny, partly cloudy, windy, rainy, etc.). EchoLink and IRLP nodes, including the Voice over Internet Protocol Weather Net (VoIP-WX), are expected to be active as well.

Stations will employ various modes, including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call signs (e.g., N0A/NWS). It's suggested that during SRD operations a non-NWS volunteer serve as a station control operator.

Event certificates are electronic and printable from the main website at the conclusion of SRD. Submit SRD log summaries using the [online submission form](#).



### Nick Pugh Honored

Nick Pugh was honored by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with the renaming of a building. See the attached story.

[Nick Pugh Honored](#) on November 15, 2018

## November 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	56		107	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn Net	4	37		99	KF5FNP Glen
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	34		73	KD5JSM Danny
Youth Thursday Night Net <small>This net will be discontinued due to lack of participation 12-01-2018</small>	2	6		32	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer.  
 ~~~ Paul Ehrlich – American Scientist

### AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The December 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 12/03/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 12/10/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 12/17/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 12/24/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |
| 12/31/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    |              |

### REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The December schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:  
 NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.



#### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| 12/03 | KG5PUL | CAINE  |
| 12/09 | NA5Q   | ROLAND |
| 12/11 | KG5QKH | RAY    |
| 12/16 | K2JDM  | MOE    |
| 12/22 | KD6VPC | GERARD |
| 01/01 | K5QXJ  | NICK   |
| 01/03 | KE5UPM | AL     |
| 01/05 | W5AG   | ARCHIE |
| 01/05 | AB5GI  | ERICK  |
| 01/06 | N5KNY  | PAUL   |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

**MARA Christmas Hamfest**

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

**Saturday December 15, 2018****Location:** Minden Civic Center

520 Broadway Street

Minden, LA 71055

**Website:** <http://n5rd.org>**Sponsor:** Minden Amateur Radio Association**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Talk-In:** 147.300**Public Contact:** Mary Sullivan , KD5LKB

6018 Fox Chase Trail Shreveport, LA 71129

Phone: 318-918-9353

**Email:** kjndoll41@aol.com

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**38th SELARC Hammond Hamfest**

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

**Saturday January 19, 2018****Location:** Pennington Student Activity Center

1350 General Pershing Drive

Hammond, LA 70401

**Website:** <http://www.selarc.org>**Sponsor:** Southeast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Talk-In:** 147.000 -600 (PL 107.2)**Public Contact:** Tyrone Burns , N5XES

PO Box 1324 Hammond, LA 70404

Phone: 985-687-2139

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**WX1AW at ARRL Headquarters will be SKYWARN Recognition Day****Bonus Station** *from ARRL website 11/28/2018*

SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) 2018 takes place on Saturday, December 1, from 0000 until 2400 UTC, and Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will be active as bonus station WX1AW, the call sign of The HQ Doods Recreational Deployment Team. Developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service (NWS) and ARRL, SRD celebrates the contributions that SKYWARN volunteers make to the NWS mission of protecting life and property. During SKYWARN Recognition Day, many special event stations will be on the air from NWS offices, contacting radio amateurs around the world.

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**Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>**



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Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

## Everything You Wanted To Know About Ham Radio

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**AARA Christmas Party December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery**

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### **Turkey Pot Pie**

*A simple recipe to make with those leftovers.*

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 cans Cream of Chicken Soup | 1 can chicken broth          |
| 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup | 1 bag frozen mixed vegetable |
| 4 cups cut-up cooked Turkey  | 2 Cups Bisquick mix          |
| 1 ½ Cup milk                 |                              |

1-Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray Pam into 9-X-13 inch pan.

2- In 4-qt pot, heat soups, turkey, and vegetables to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil for 1 minute. Add to pan.

3- In a medium bowl, stir the remaining ingredients together until blended. Pour evenly over soup mixture. Crust will rise during cooking.

4-Bake about 30 minutes, or until crust is golden brown.

Try a variety of mixed vegetables and condensed cream soups, depending on your taste and what you have on hand.

### **FCC Information Service**

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).*

**FCC Website:**

*<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>*

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.*

*<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>*

*The mailing address to the FCC is:  
Federal Communications Commission,  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554*